

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 5/19/09 amendment and examiner's amendment attached.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-29,31 and 33-37.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date ____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date ____.
- Identifying Indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date ____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date attached.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other ____.

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Primary Examiner, Art Unit 1625

DETAILED ACTION

1. Amendment and response filed by applicants dated May 19, 2009 have been entered and considered carefully.

Claim 32 has been canceled. Claim 30 stayed withdrawn from consideration.

Claims 1-29, 31, 33-35 and newly added 36-37 are pending..

2. *Examiner's Amendment*

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Vincent K. Shier on September 22, 2009.

Claim 30 being drawn to the nonelected invention are **canceled**.

3. *Reason for Allowance*

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Applicants have provided argument that Catlow et al. '320 and Suzuki et al. '746 are not analogous art which therefore cannot be combined in accessing obviousness. A close survey of the Catlow et al. '320 reference indicated that compounds tested are 5HT4 antagonists (see col. 18, lines 57-58) while Suzuki et al. '746 compounds tested are 5HT4 agonists (see col. 63 lines 61-63). Therefore, they are structurally similar but are not analogous in activity. In addition, it is evidenced in the art that small linker change can indeed change an agonist to an antagonist, thus, are not obvious modification for these compounds (see Englen p. 392 compare fig. 1 ML10302 and fig. 2 RS23597). Method claims 36-37 finds antecedent basis and enablement in the specification (p.1 and 21-23). Claims 1-29, 31, 33-37 are allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Celia Chang, Ph. D. whose telephone number is 571-272-0679. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Janet L. Andres, Ph. D., can be reached on 571-272-0867. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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